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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Vorris Blankenship,

Plaintiff,

v.

Libery Life Assurance Company of

Libery Life Assurance Company of Boston as Administrator and Fiduciary of the KPMG Employee Long-term Disability Plan and the KPMG Employee Long-term Disability Plan,

Defendants.

No. C-03-1132 SC

ORDER GRANTING
PLAINTIFF'S MOTION
FOR ADDITIONAL
ATTORNEY'S FEES

On July 13, 2007 Plaintiff renewed its request from December 20, 2004 for additional attorney's fees under Section 502(g) of the Employee Retirement Insurance Security Act ("ERISA"). See Docket Nos. 76, 55. Plaintiff seeks to recover fees for work done on the case after the Court's August 20, 2004 Order, including work in response to Defendants' Motion to Amend. The Court could not rule on Plaintiff's original request because the matter was already on appeal to the Ninth Circuit. Defendants do not oppose Plaintiff's motion. See Docket No. 80.

Plaintiff requests \$8,550.00 in fees for 34.2 hours at the rate of \$250.00 per hour. See Kalkin Decl., \P 6. The time was spent reviewing documents, conducting legal research, and drafting motions. These fees are allowable under 29 U.S.C. § 1132(g). Furthermore, the Court finds that the guidelines for evaluating

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For the reasons described herein, Plaintiff's Motion for Additional Attorney's Fees is GRANTED. Plaintiff is AWARDED \$8,550.00 in fees.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 13, 2007

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE